



April 10, 2004

Mr. Nabil S. Fayoumi  
U. S. EPA - Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590


**Re: Sauget Sites Area I - January 21, 1999 Administrative Order by Consent (AOC)  
Monthly Report March 1 – March 31, 2004**

Dear Mr. Fayoumi,

Enclosed is the Sauget Sites Area I Monthly Report for the March 2004 reporting period. This submittal is in fulfillment of the monthly requirements of Section 2.4 Reporting, of the January 21, 1999 Final Administrative Order by Consent for Sauget Sites Area I, Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois.

Negotiations have been completed with Monsanto/Pharmacia (with the U.S. Department of Justice acting as intermediary) as to the future management and financing of this AOC work in Sauget Area 1. The parties have come to an interim agreement and Monsanto has appointed me to serve as the Project Coordinator for the ongoing work.

Sincerely,

  
Steven D. Smith  
Project Coordinator

**cc:** Kevin Turner – USEPA  
Tim Gouger - USACE  
Sandra Bron - IEPA  
Dave Webb - IDPH  
Mike Coffey - USF&W  
Richard Williams - Solutia  
Cathleen Bumb - Solutia  
Mayor Frank Bergman - Cahokia, IL  
Village of Sauget - c/o P. H. Weis & Associates (Attn: Brian Nelson)  
Mayor R. Sauget - Sauget, IL  
L. Glen Kurowski - Monsanto

## **Sauget Sites Area I - Sauget, Illinois**

### **AOC - EECA / RIFS**

#### **Status Report**

**Date of Report:** April 10, 2004  
**Period Covered:** March 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004

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#### **Work Performed during the Reporting Period**

##### **Borrow Pit Lake**

*Sediment sampling in the Borrow Pit Lake commenced on May 6, 2003 and was completed on May 14, 2003. All sampling activities were observed on a full time basis by a USEPA oversight contractor. No deficiencies or problems were identified by the oversight personnel during the sampling. Samples were shipped to the analytical laboratories identified in the QAPP for analysis. Laboratory results were validated. The draft report was submitted to the Agency on September 2, 2003.*

*The BPL ecological assessment was conducted on October 20-22, 2003. EPA oversight was in attendance.*

##### **Dead Creek**

*Received U.S. EPA's comments for:*

- *Dead Creek, Review of Responses to Comments and Proposed Action Plan*
- *Human Health Risk Assessment, Sauget Area One Site, Illinois.*

##### **DNAPL Work Plan**

*Comments were received on the DNAPL Investigation Work Plan that was submitted to the Agencies on February 28, 2003. Responses to these comments were submitted to the Agencies on May 13, 2003. The Agency responded on July 24, 2003, requiring Solutia to submit responses and an approvable DNAPL Work Plan that will address all focus areas and information requested in the January 9, 2003, U.S. EPA Additional Work Letter. The response to comments and the Work Plan were submitted to the Agency on August 14, 2003. Comments were received from the Agencies on October 15, 2003, and a response was sent on November 3, 2003.*

*Conditional approval of the DNAPL Workplan was received on December 23, 2003, which requires completion of the investigation and submittal of the DNAPL Report by June 23, 2004.*

U.S. EPA requested that the DNAPL Work Plan be revised to include all of the agreed upon changes. Copies of the finalized Work Plan will be submitted to the Agencies are being prepared.

### **Attachments**

There are no Technical Memoranda or data submittals with this report.

### **Work Scheduled for Next Reporting Period**

- Finalize and submit the DNAPL Work Plan.
- Revise and obtain the various access agreements as necessary to allow the DNAPL investigation to occur.
- Begin the DNAPL investigations as soon as the access issues are resolved and the contractor can mobilize.

### **Submittal Schedule Status**

No other submittals are currently scheduled.